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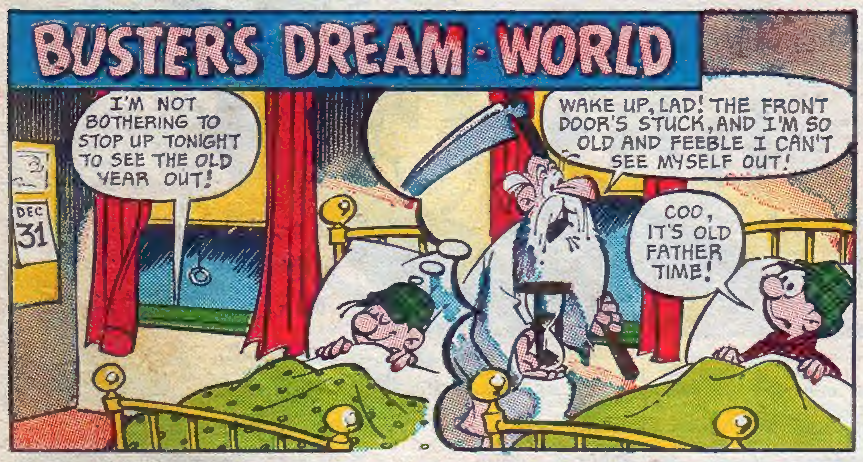

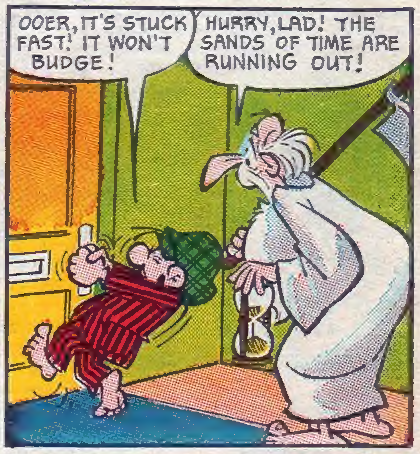

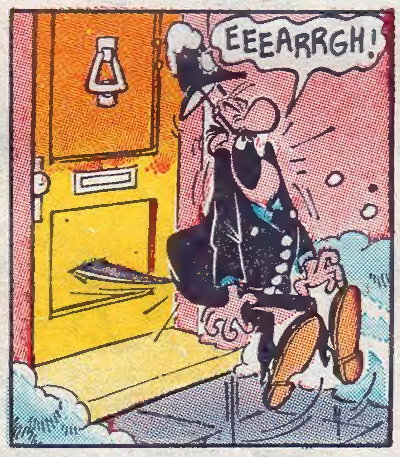

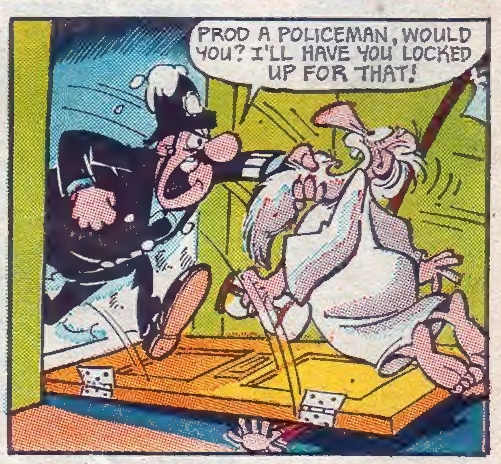

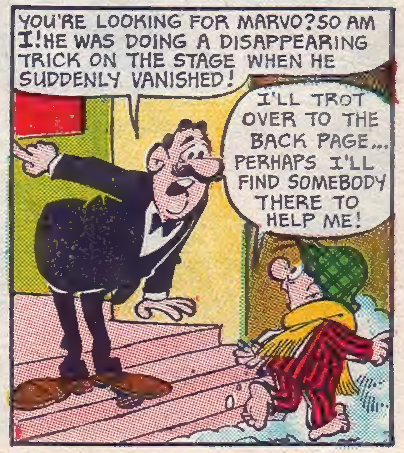

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ON THE EVE OF AN ALL-IMPORTANT MATCH, NATHAN REVEALED HIS AMAZING PLAN OF CAMPAIGN!

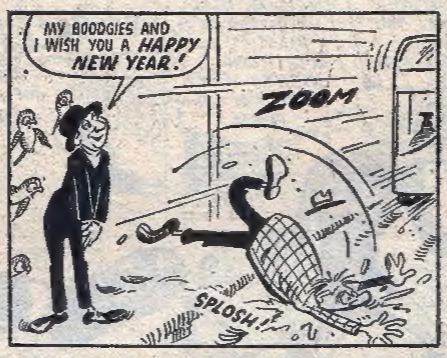
The WIZARD of FOOTBALL

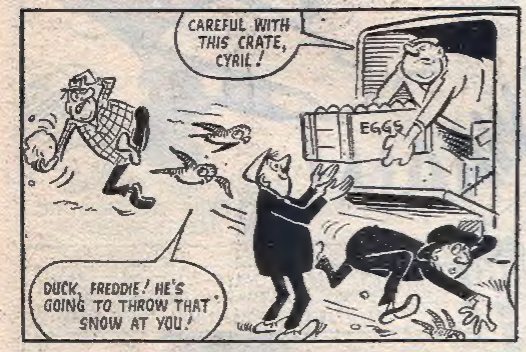
Cyril Clarkson was considered a terrible footballer until he met a strange old ex-actor, called Nathan Flintlock, who later became the chief coach for Western United, a First Division team for whom Cyril played. Unfortunately, up until then, Nathan's training methods had not met with the success that he and Cyril thought they deserved, and the two friends were in disfavour . . .

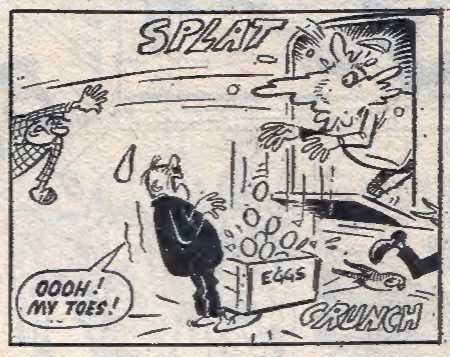
FORTUNE IS SMILING UPON CYRIL AND NATHAN, BUT WILL THEIR LUCK HOLD OUT? SEE NEXT MONDAY!

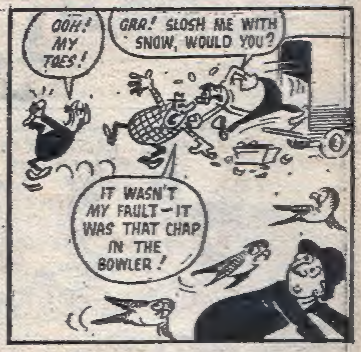
THE NEW YEAR FINDS FREDDIE AND HIS BOODGIES IN ANOTHER STICKY SITUATION!

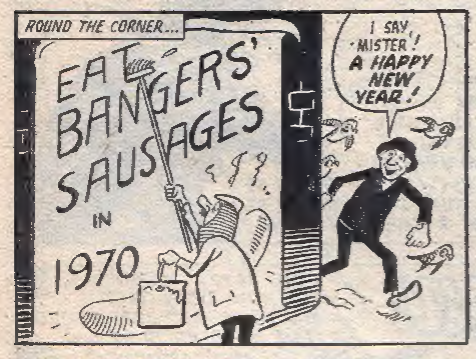
FREDDIE "Parrot-face" DAVIES

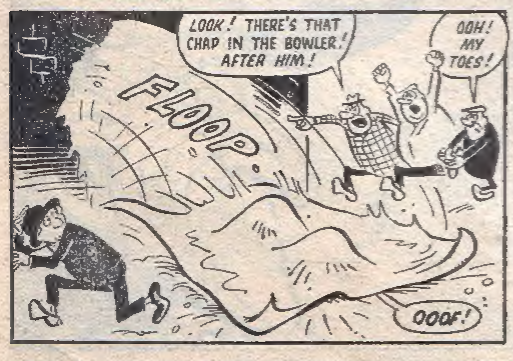












FOR ONCE FREDDIE SHOULDN'T LAND IN HOT WATER, IN NEXT WEEK'S STORY OF A FROZEN POND!

SEND IN YOUR JOKES, PALS — THERE'S A CASH PRIZE FOR EACH WINNER !

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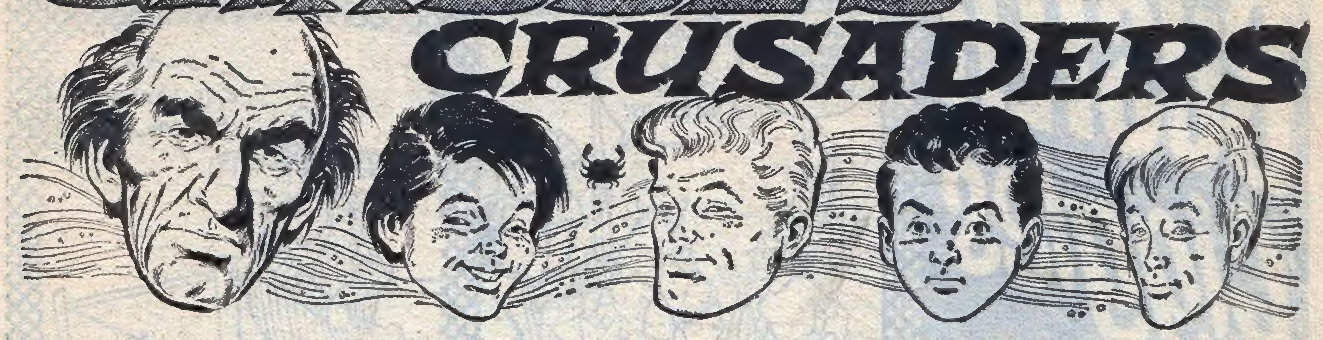
From M. ROSSER, SOMERSET.

From J. BAILEY, HODDESDON.

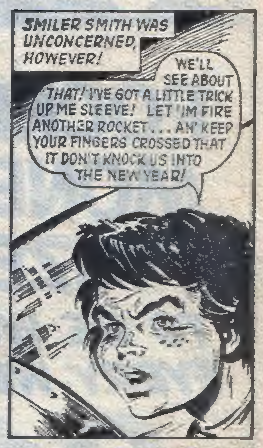
From M. McCARTHY, DAGENHAM.

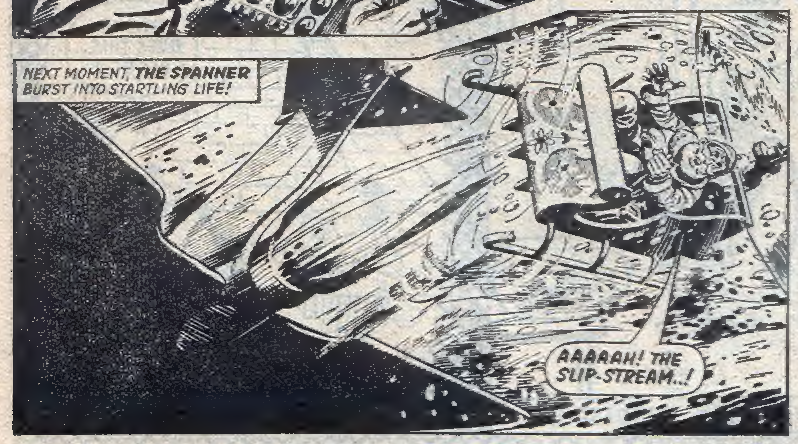
AS THE COSTUMED CRIMINAL CLOSED IN FOR THE KILL, SMILER CONCEIVED A DESPERATE PLAN !

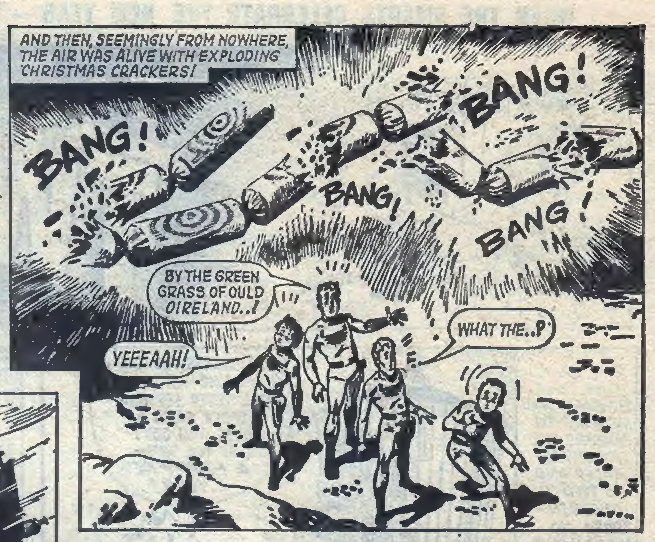
CRABBE'S CRUSADERS

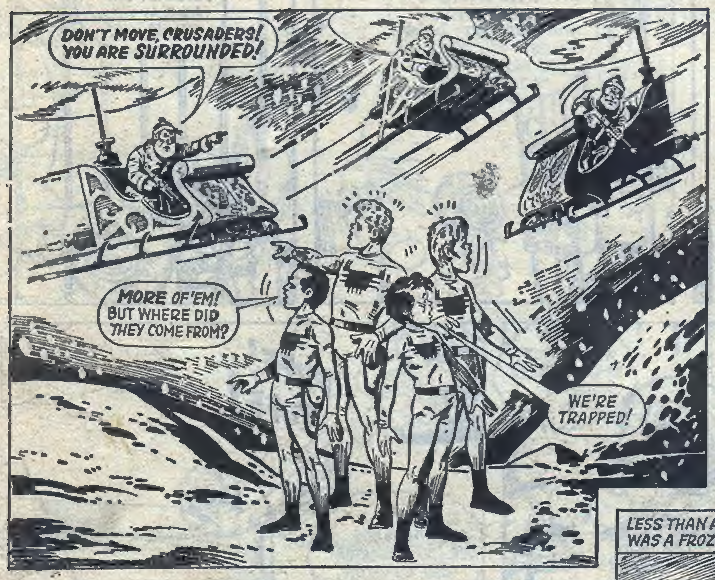


Over the snow-covered suburbs of London, a weird aerial combat was taking place. Professor Crabbe's crusaders — "Smiler" Smith, "Red" O'Rork, Willy Evans and Sammy Greig—had been sent to apprehend a crook named "Cheerful" Carson—only to find him expecting them . . .



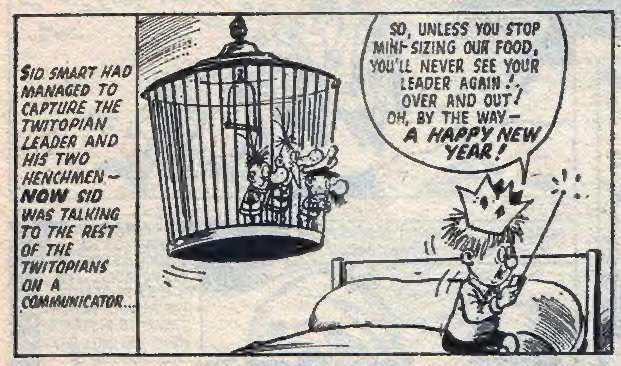


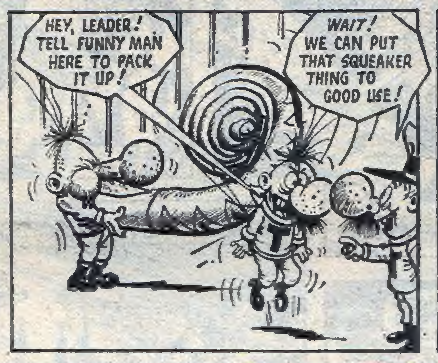


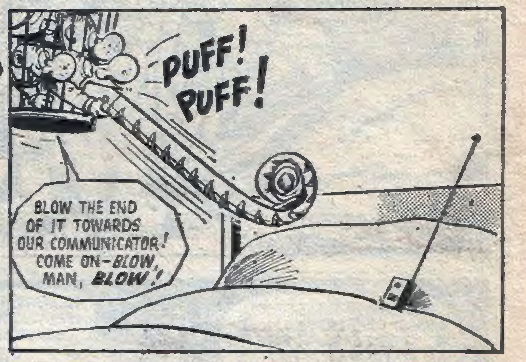


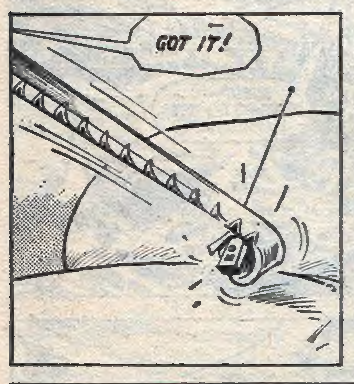
HAVE THE CRUSADERS NO HOPE OF RESCUE? DON'T MISS NEXT MONDAY'S EPISODE!

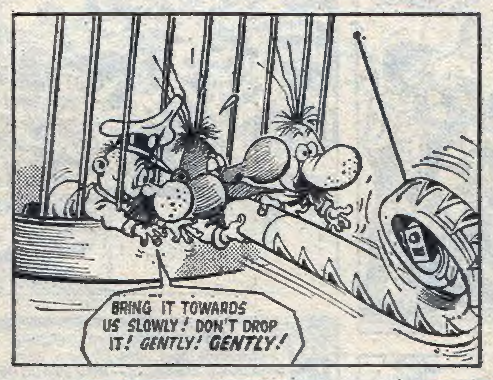
WHEN THE SMARTS CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR—THE TWITS INVITE A FEW FRIENDS OF THEIR OWN!











FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE UNEXPECTED "GUESTS" ARRIVE, NEXT MONDAY!

HAPPY NEW YEAR, MATES . . .

BUSTER'S Birthday CLUB

HOORAY for 1970! I've made a long list of New Year resolutions (such as not to bang my mum's front door, to get up earlier in the morning, etc.) I hope I manage to keep them longer than last year!

Talking about resolutions, here's one that all of you should keep—not to miss a single issue of BUSTER, 'cos there'll be heaps of prizes to win and I don't want any of you to miss out on a good thing. See you next week and every week—Your old pal, BUSTER.

The week's prize

BIRTH DATES

5th January, 1958	10th March, 1959
22nd July, 1957	27th October, 1960
19th May, 1961	29th June, 1962

HAPPY dates are here again! If you can find YOUR birth date among the six dates listed above, and providing you sent in to join our Club by Monday, 22nd December—then you're in line for a smashing Birth Date Award.

Check those dates carefully, because it must be the *exact* day, month and year of your birth. If yours is there, choose any one prize from: **Oil - painting - by - numbers Set, Writing Folder, Model Aeroplane Kit, Fountain Pen, Wallet of Coloured Pencils.**

Print your choice neatly on a postcard and add your full name, address and date of birth. Pop it in the mail to reach us by **Thursday, 8th January.** Overseas members have longer—until 24th May—to send in their claims.

Prizes will be sent to every registered member whose date is shown and who replies correctly, but don't forget, you cannot have a Club Birth Date Award if you've previously received one.

So eyes down, mates, and see if you're one of the lucky ones this week. If not, there'll be more dates next week!

From you to me...

START the New Year with a laugh! Here's an amusing story from **Lynda Tweedale**, of Doncaster.

"One day, I was in a friend's house," she writes, "when a boy came round selling sweepstake tickets. Each ticket was numbered and this meant that when the draw took place, if your ticket came out of the hat you had a horse to run in the Grand National race and you could win a lot of money.

"They were explaining it to my friend's mum like this: '*If you draw a horse you win some money!*' The reply came: 'Coo, our Frankie can draw horses. Shall we tell him to draw one?' "You can imagine how we all laughed."

Two Merry Members

Below, meet Morpeth member, Elizabeth Foster. Her favourite pastime is horse-riding.

Gareth Jones hails from Tredegar. He likes playing football and reading BUSTER, too.

The Biggest Snowball?

DENIS NAUGHTON, who lives near Camberley, must have some very genial teachers! He tells us that the last time they had a lot of snow he and several of his schoolmates had a snowball fight with the assistant head! They also made a snowball 4 ft. high and Denis and six of his pals were unable to move it. Can anyone beat that?

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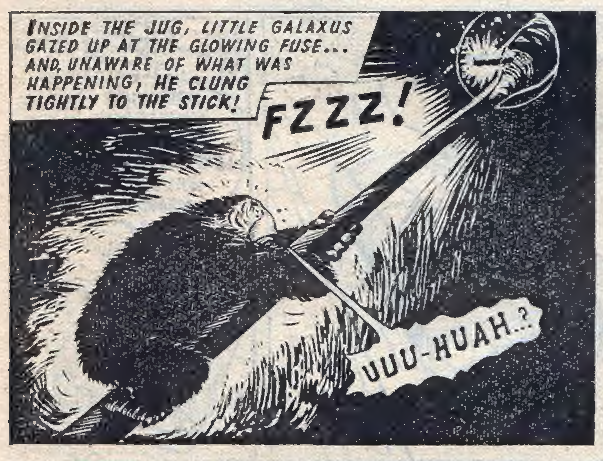
THE BRAINY BIRD WHO ALWAYS FORGETS TO REMEMBER.

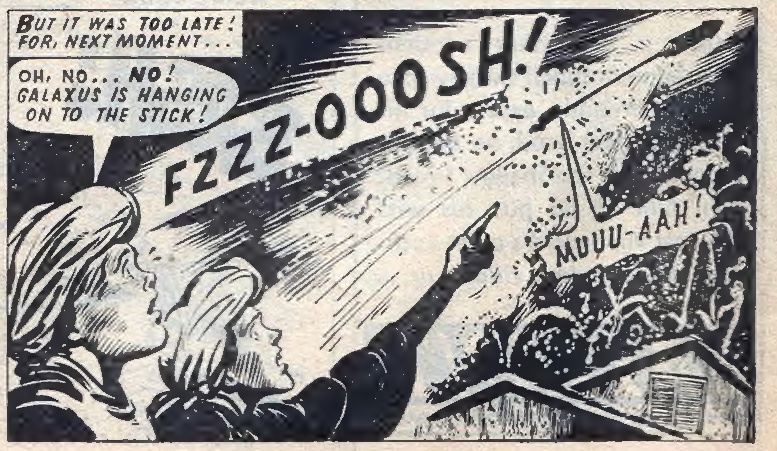
THE ROCKET SOARED INTO THE NIGHT SKY, WITH GALAXUS CLINGING TO THE STICK!

GALAXUS

THE THING FROM OUTER SPACE

A space-creature known as Galaxus had been marooned on Earth and, although harmless, he was being hunted throughout the world. With his only friends—two English boys named Jim and Danny Jones—Galaxus was now in India, being pursued by a troop of cavalry. To try and escape, the toil-creature hid in an earthenware jug—but with a festival taking place in the town, two Indian boys decided to use the jug as a "launching pad" for firework rockets . . .





THE REMAINS OF THE FIREWORK CRASHED INTO A GUTTERING AND THE SPACE-BEAST WAS FLUNG ASIDE!

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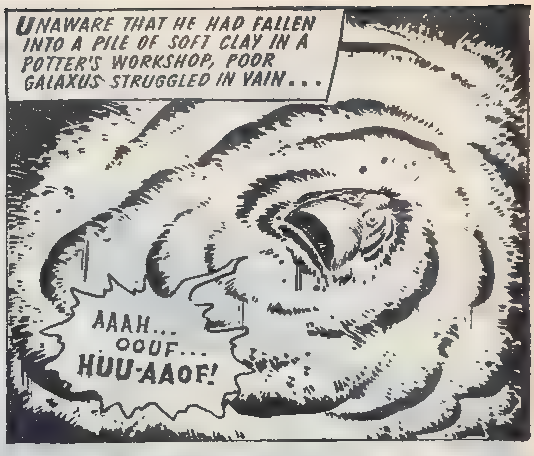

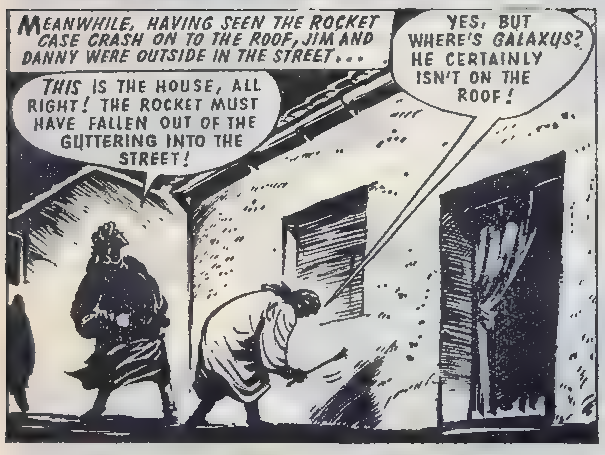

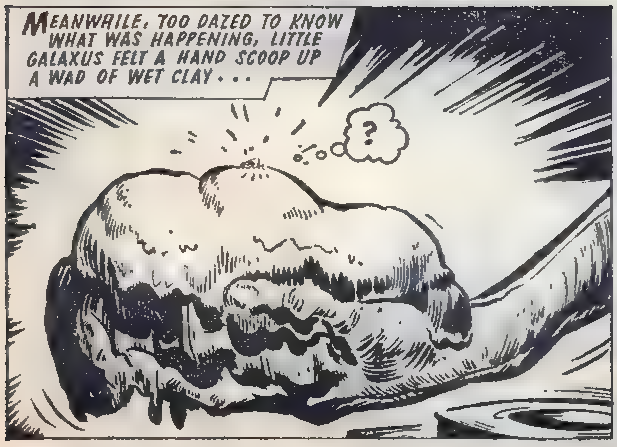

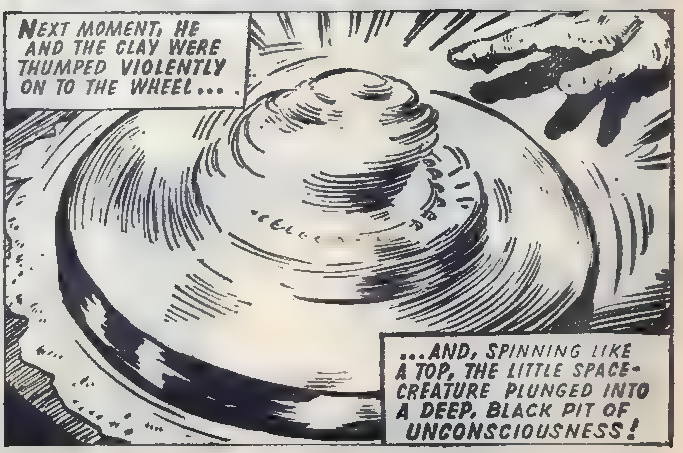

THE TOIL-CREATURE IS POWERLESS TO SAVE HIMSELF! WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO HIM NOW? SEE NEXT WEEK!

THE GHOST OF ANNE BOLEYN REALLY LOSES HER HEAD WHEN SHE JOINS IN THE FUN AT A NEW YEAR PARTY!

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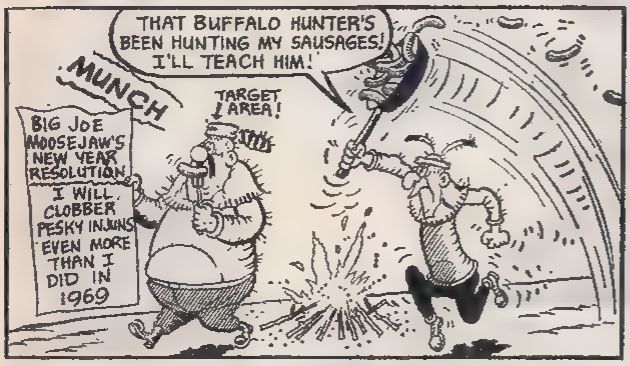
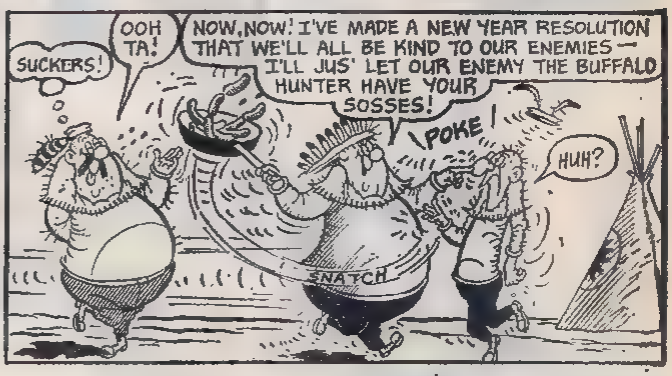
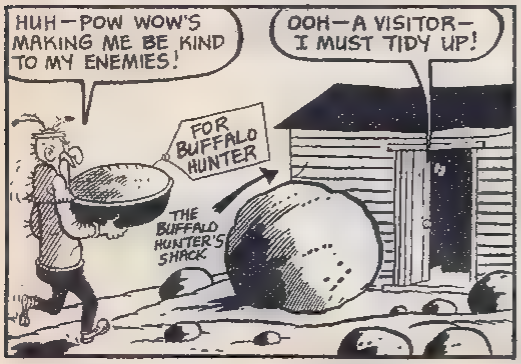
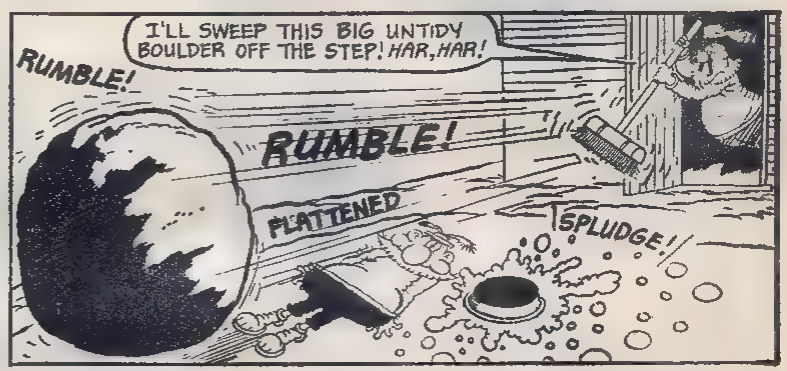
NEXT WEEK'S STORY OF THE GHOST OF SWEET MOLLY MALONE IS A FISHY TALE, ALL RIGHT!

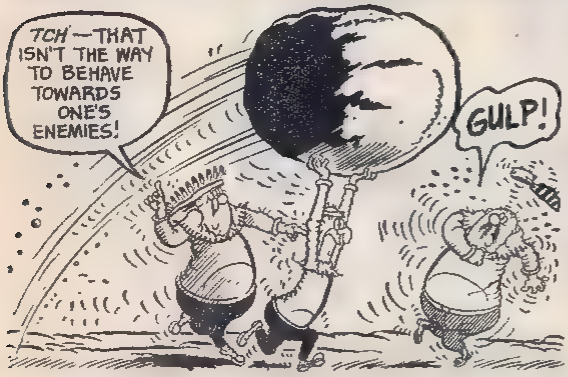
POW WOW'S OVERTURES OF FRIENDSHIP ARE GIVEN A ROCKY RECEPTION !

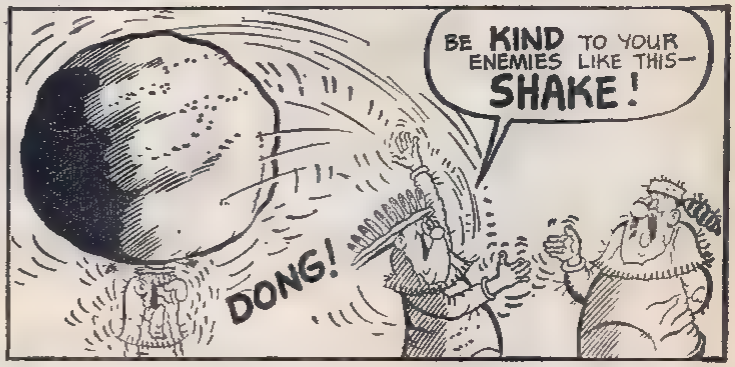


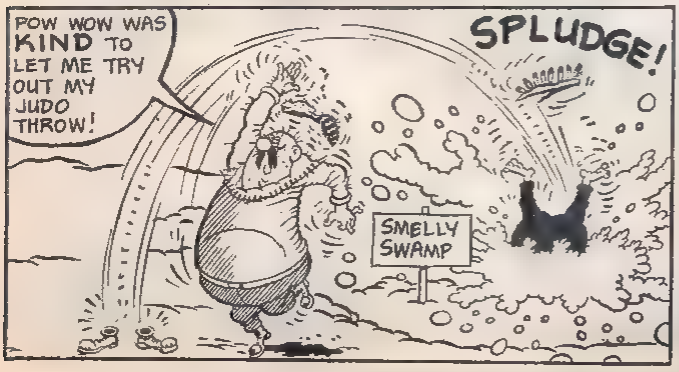


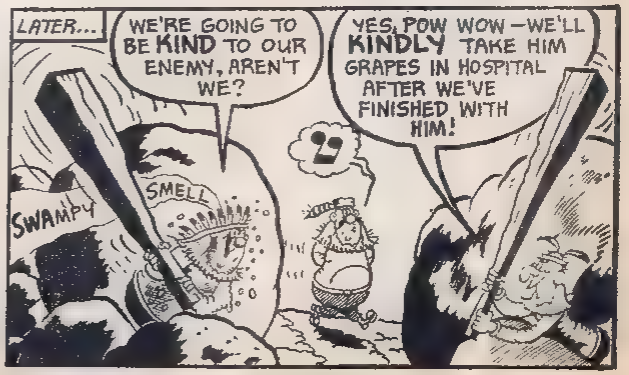












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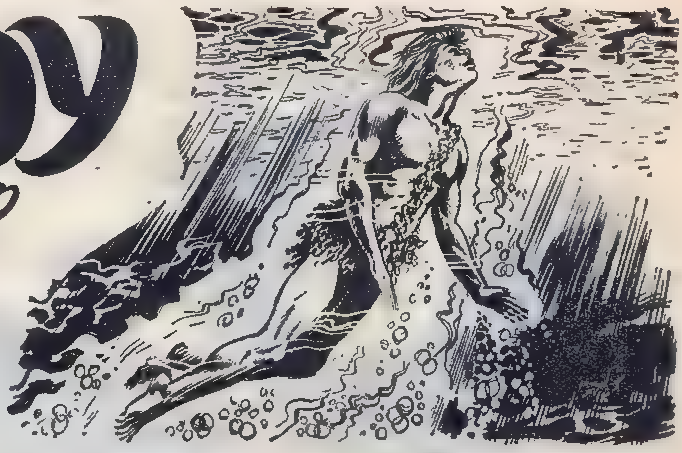
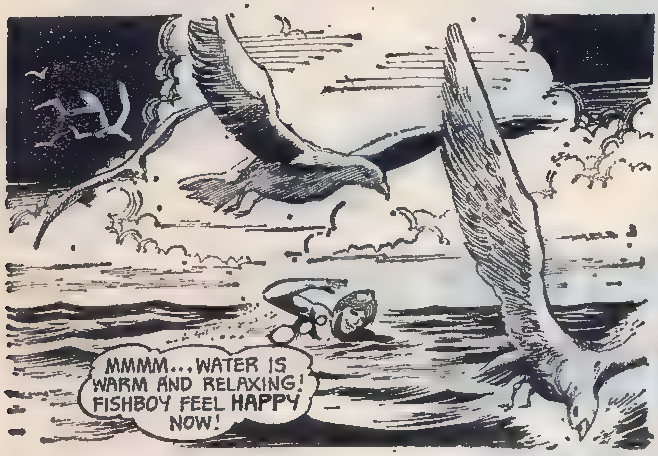
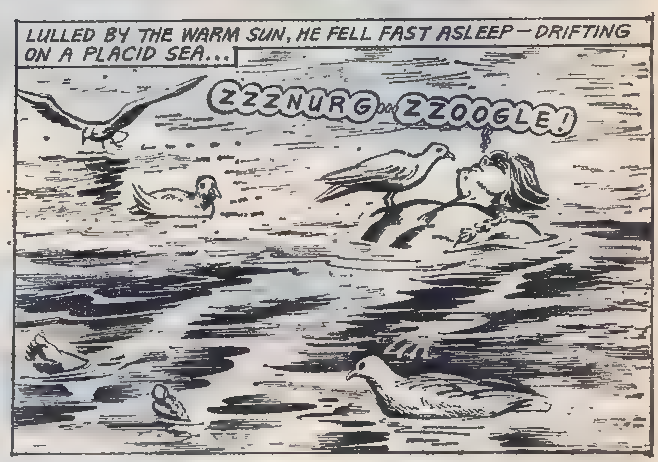
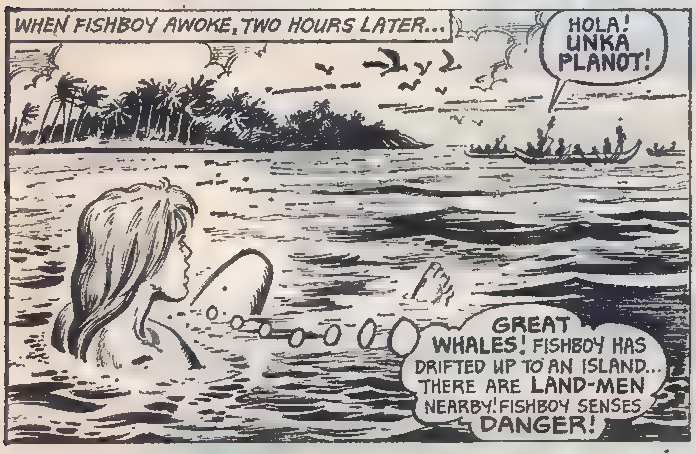
FISHBOY
Denizen of the Deep

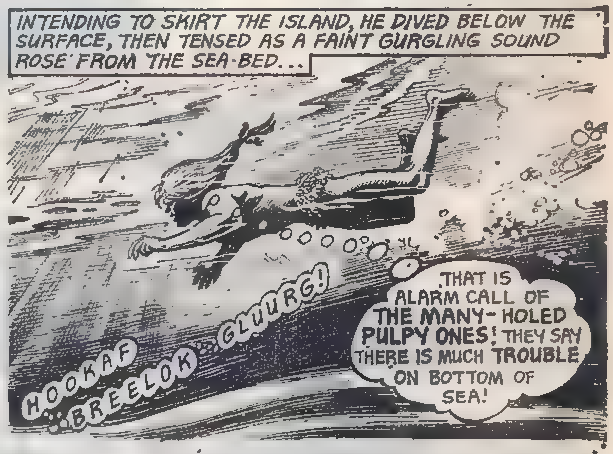


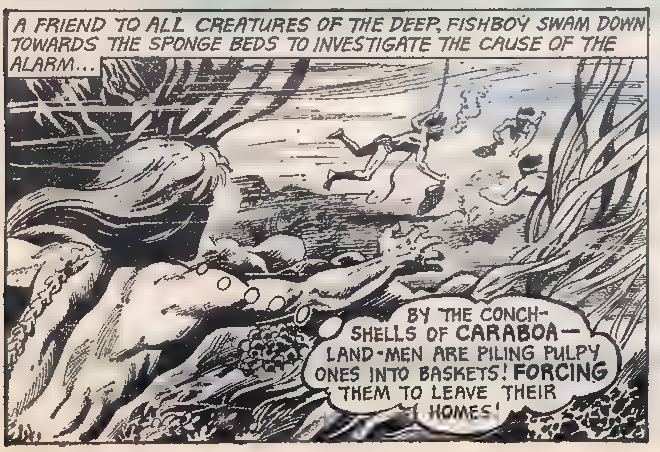
STRANDED ON A DESERT ISLAND AS A CHILD AND FORCED TO GET HIS FOOD FROM THE SEA, FISHBOY DEVELOPED SLIGHTLY WEBBED HANDS AND FEET AND LEARNED TO BREATHE UNDERWATER AS EASILY AS A FISH. AFTER DISCOVERING THAT HIS PARENTS WERE GEOLOGISTS, BELIEVED TO BE WORKING IN AUSTRALIA, FISHBOY SET OFF TO FIND THEM. SWIMMING SOUTH-WESTWARDS FROM VANCOUVER, HE PLOUGHED LAZILY THROUGH THE PACIFIC OCEAN...

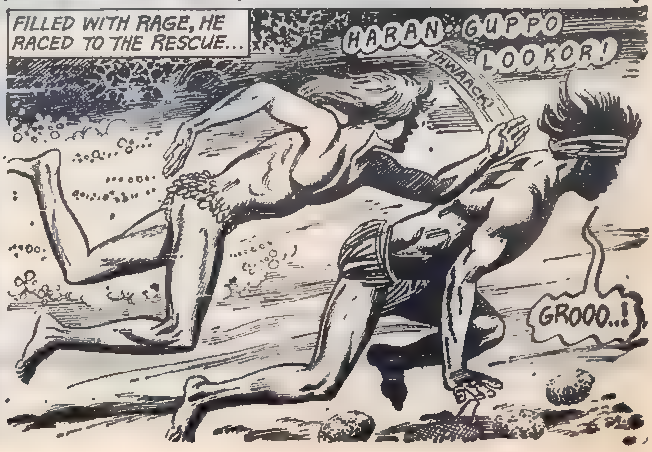


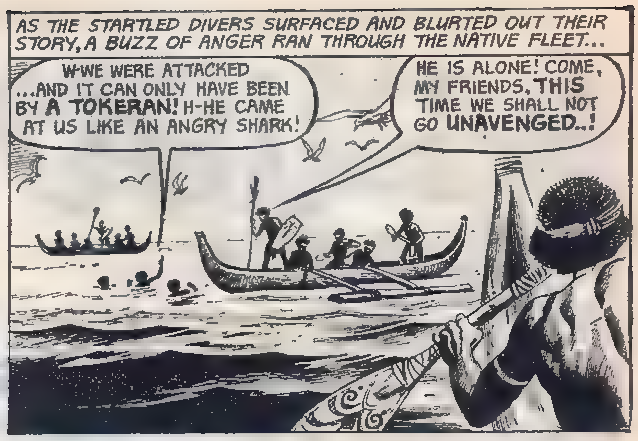


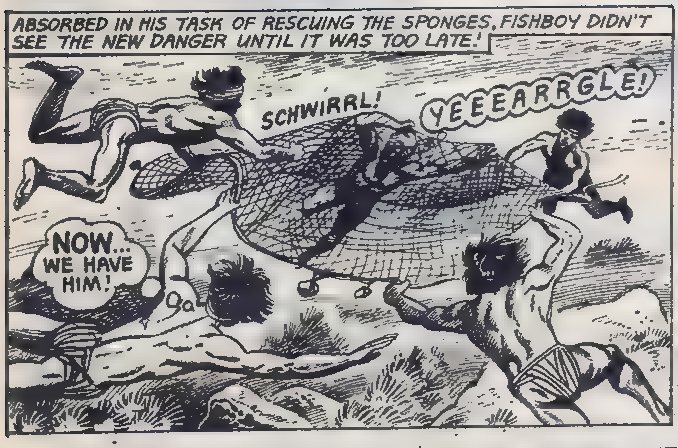


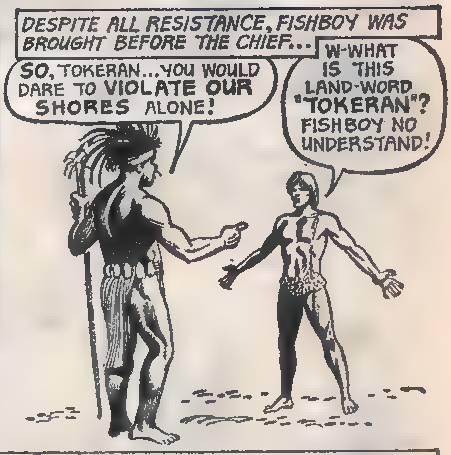


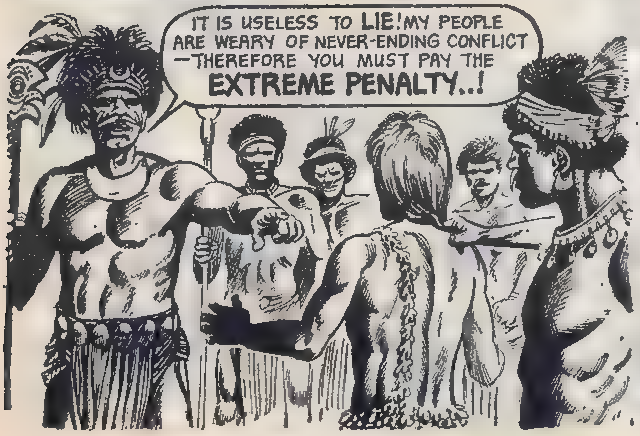


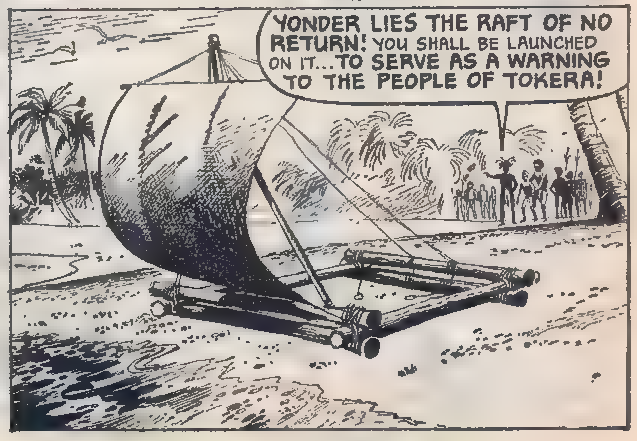












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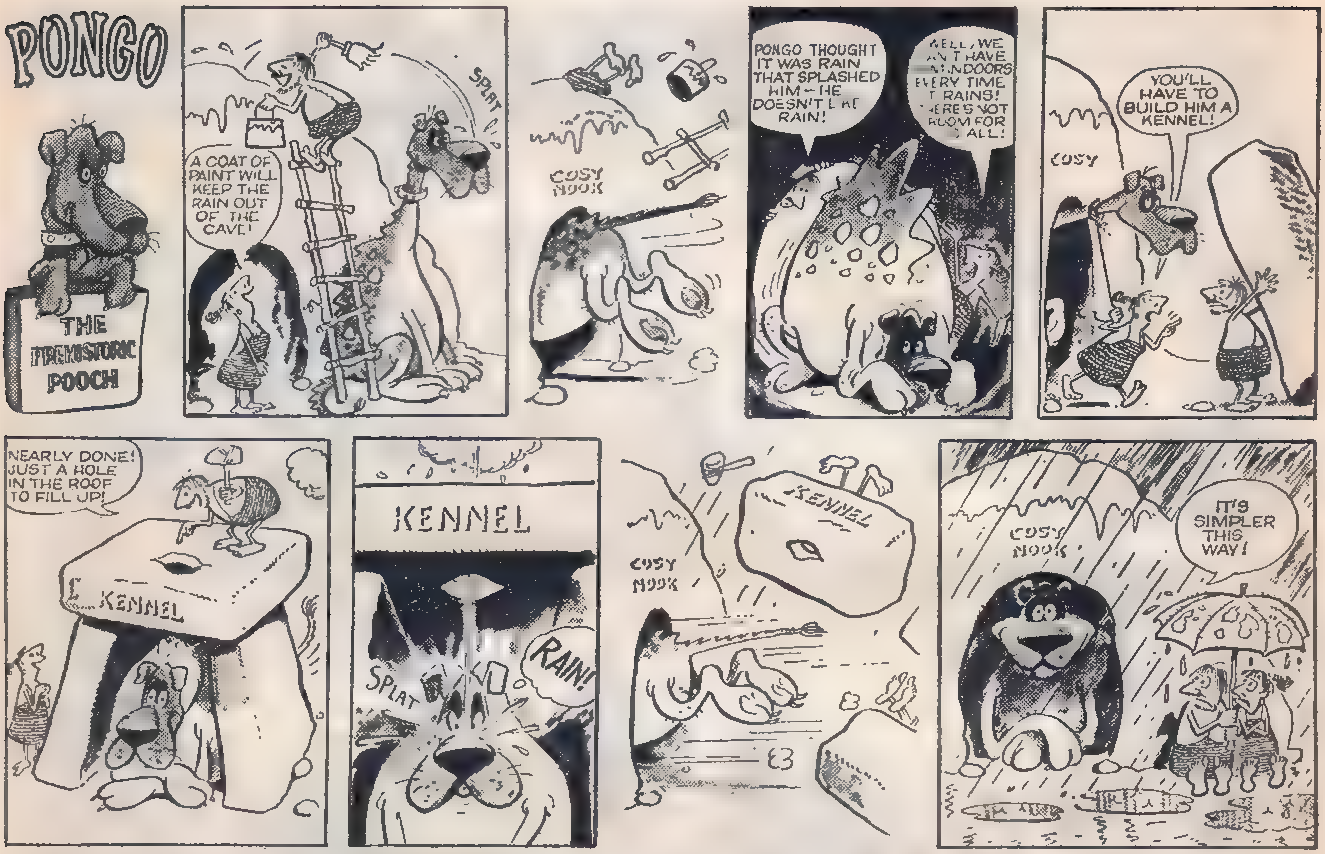

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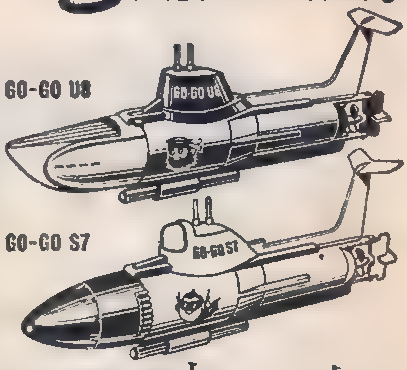

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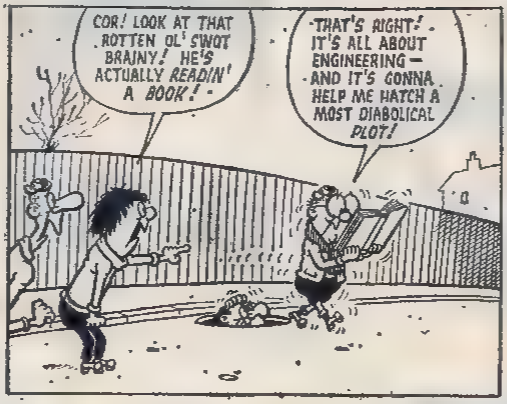
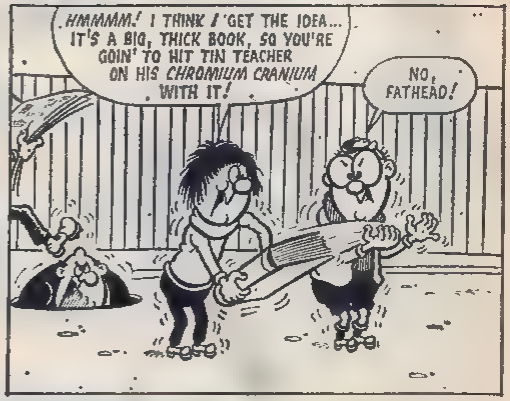
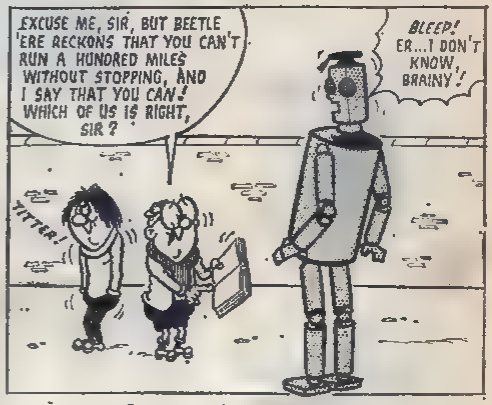
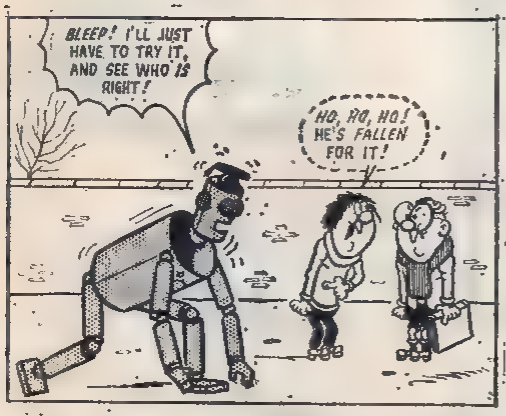
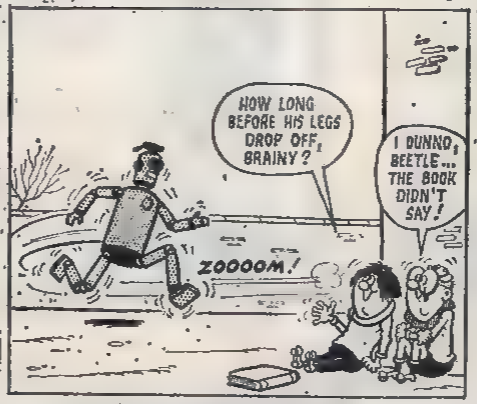
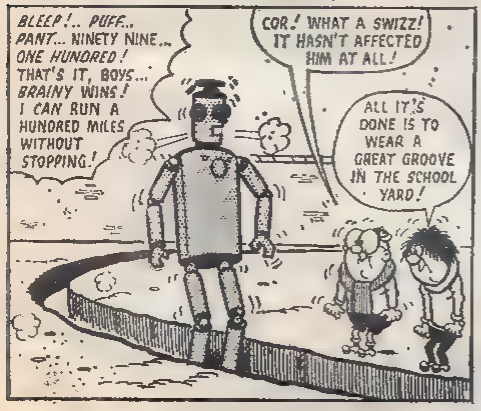


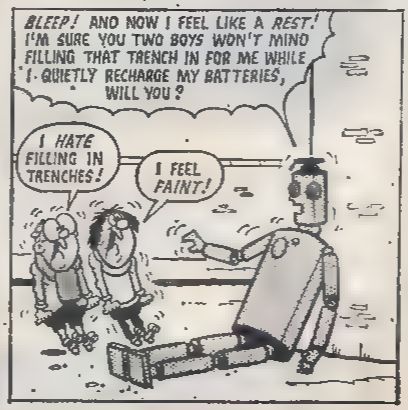












THE BOYS AND T-T CLASH AGAIN IN NEXT WEEK'S BOXING STORY!

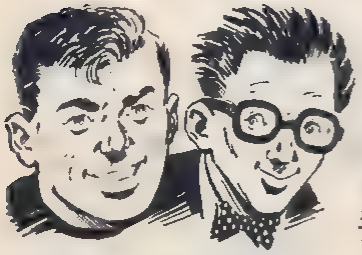
THE SIGNS ARE THAT PA HAYSEED MEANS TO HAMMER HOME HIS NEW YEAR RESOLUTION!

CRUNCHER

THE TINY TERMITE WITH THE BIG APPETITE

THERE'S ANOTHER FEAST OF FUN WITH THE TINY TERMITE NEXT WEEK, PALS!

AS THE PENNILESS FRIENDS CONTEMPLATED THE FUTURE, A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED ITSELF!



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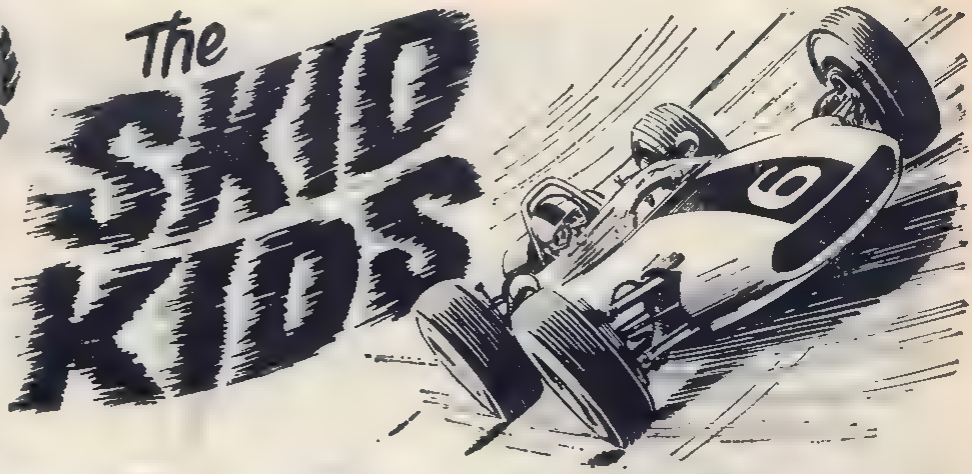
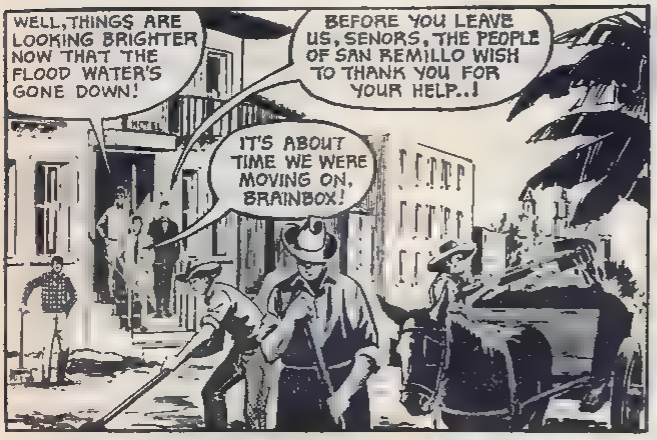
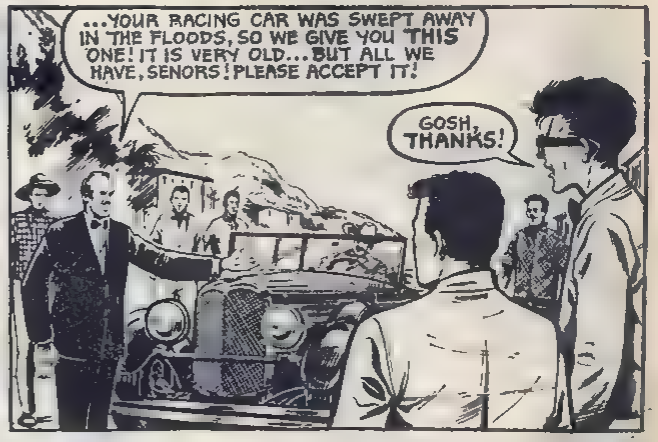
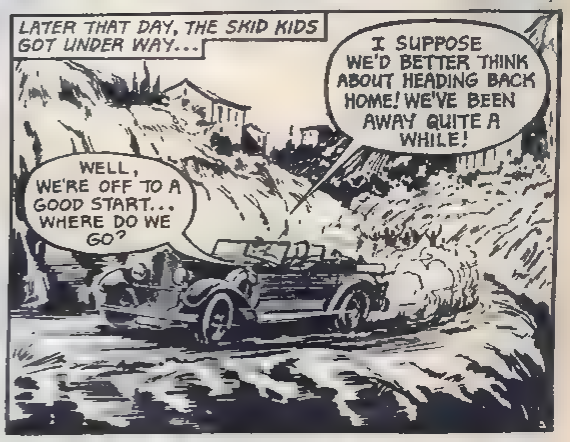
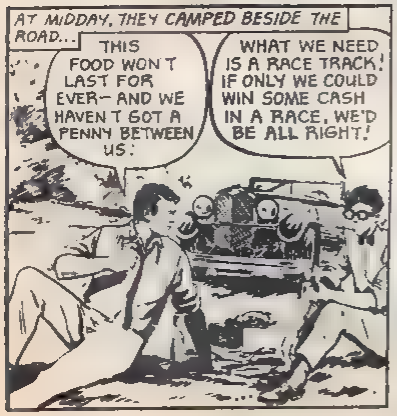


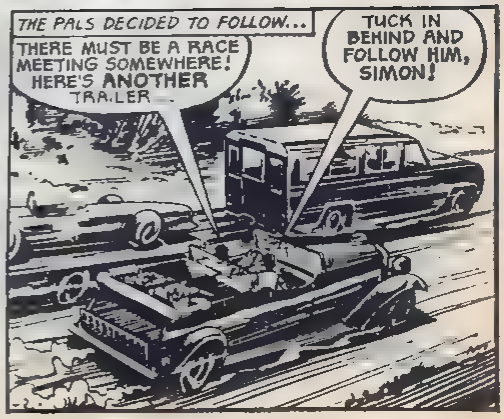
Racing driver Simon Starr and his inventor pal "Brainbox" Cox were in South America. The town of San Remillo, where they were staying, was flooded and the two pals helped the citizens to forget their troubles and enjoy Christmas. But when the waters had subsided . . .

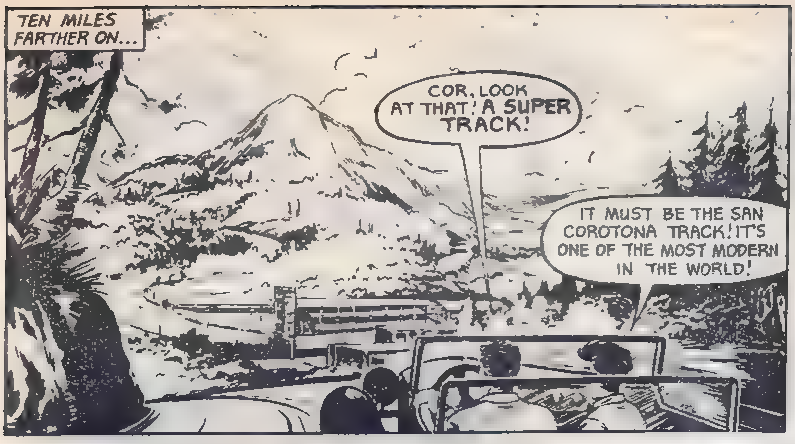


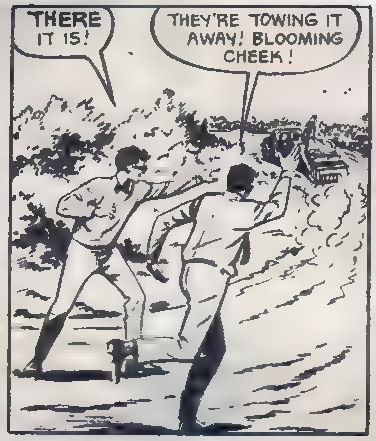


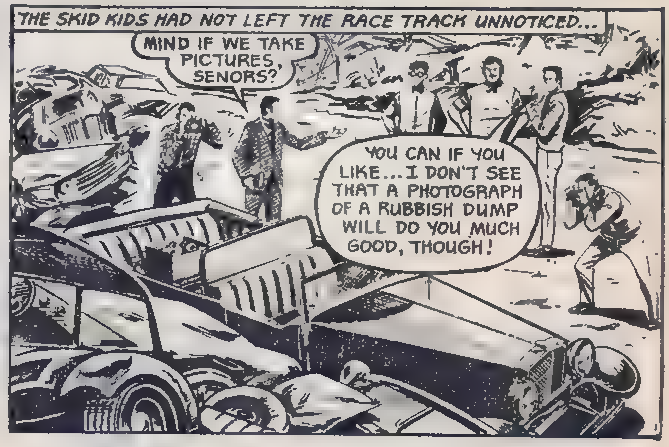


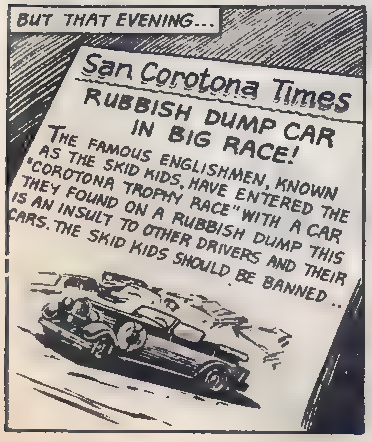


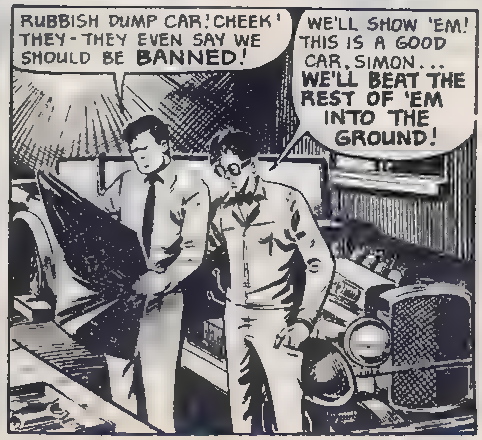










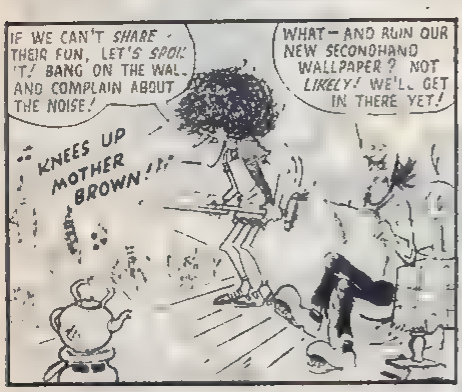


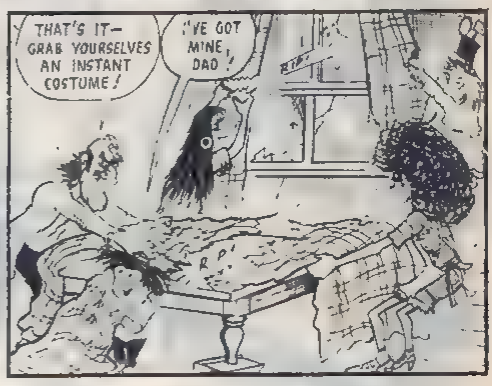
CAN THE SKID KIDS WIN AGAINST ALL ODDS ? DON'T MISS NEXT WEEK'S THRILLS !

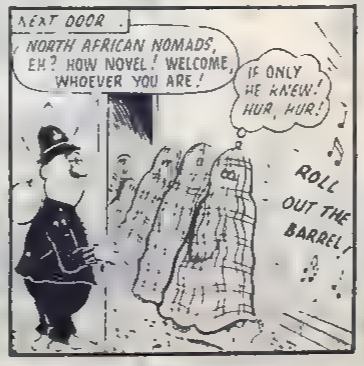
THE MISERS USE DISGUISES TO GATECRASH A PARTY, BUT THEY GET A PROPER DRESSING DOWN!

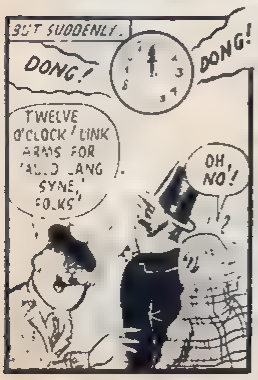
THE MISERS

The Meanest Mob in Town!



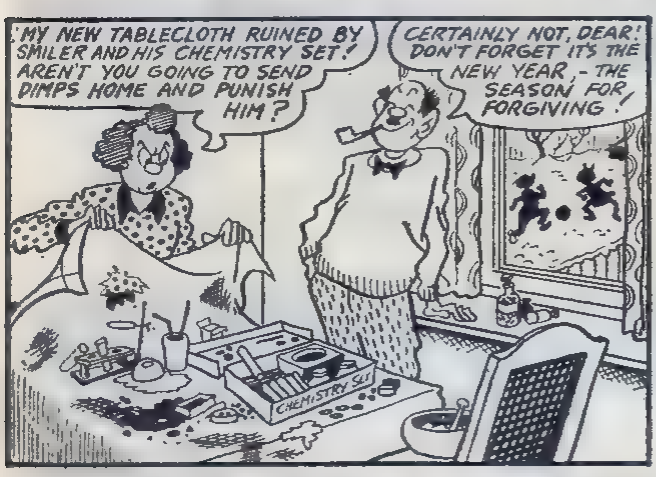


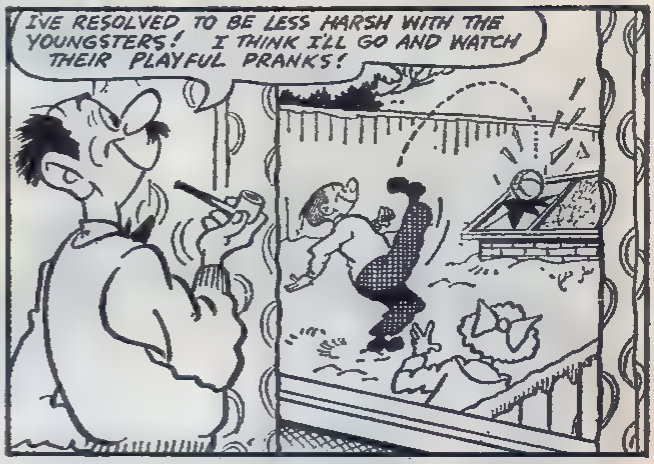


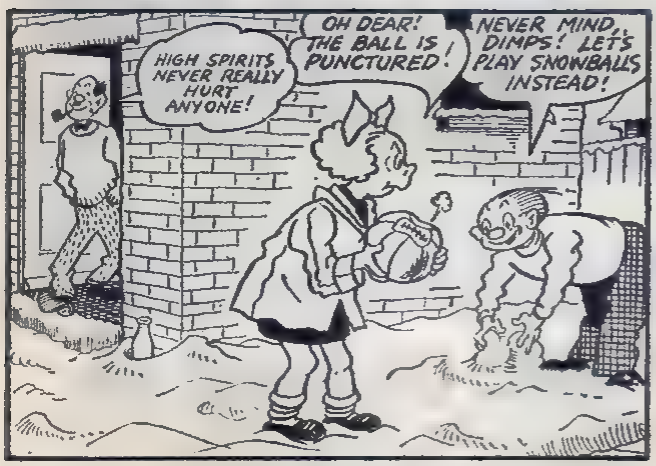


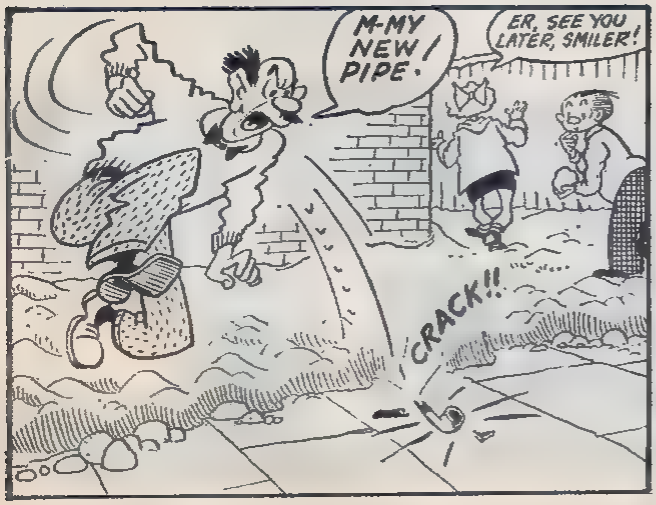
MEET THE PENNY-PINCHING MISERS AGAIN NEXT WEEK, PALS!

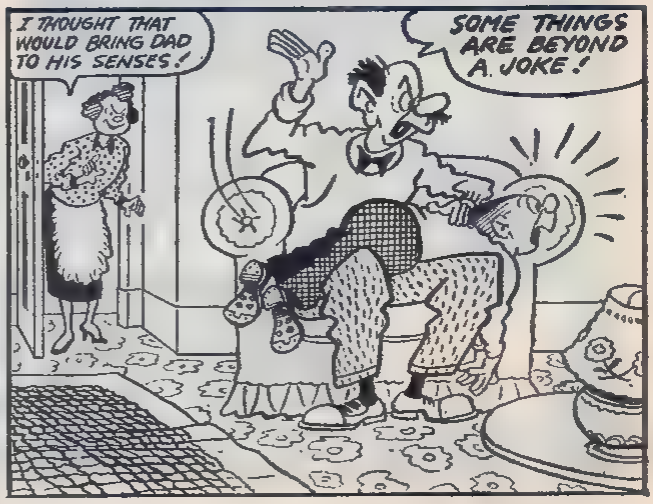
DAD'S HOPES FOR A PEACEFUL FUTURE PROVE NOTHING MORE THAN A PIPE-DREAM!











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WHEN DIZZY OPENED THE DOOR, HE GOT THE SHOCK OF HIS LIFE!

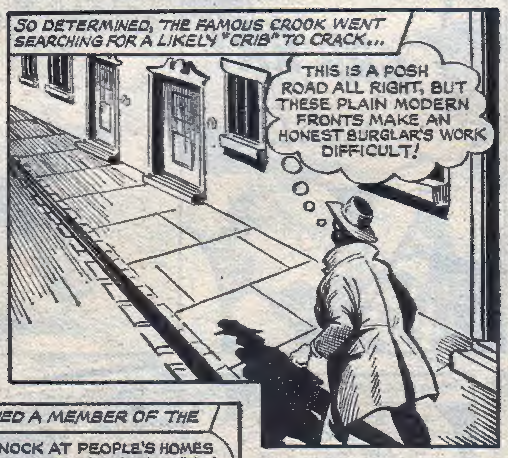
"DIZZY" DIMWITTY

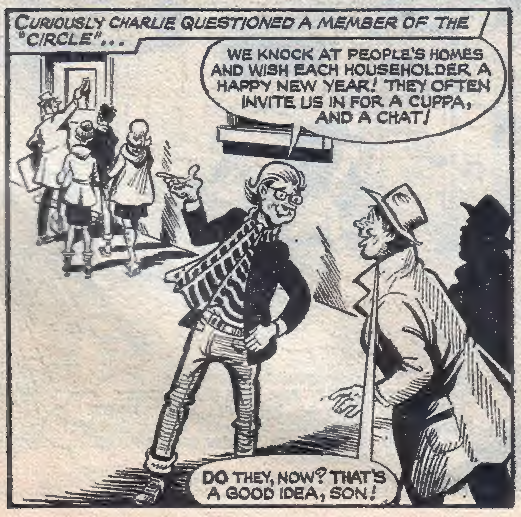
LOOKS LIKE "DIZZY" IS IN FOR THE HIGH JUMP! SEE HOW HE FARES NEXT WEEK!

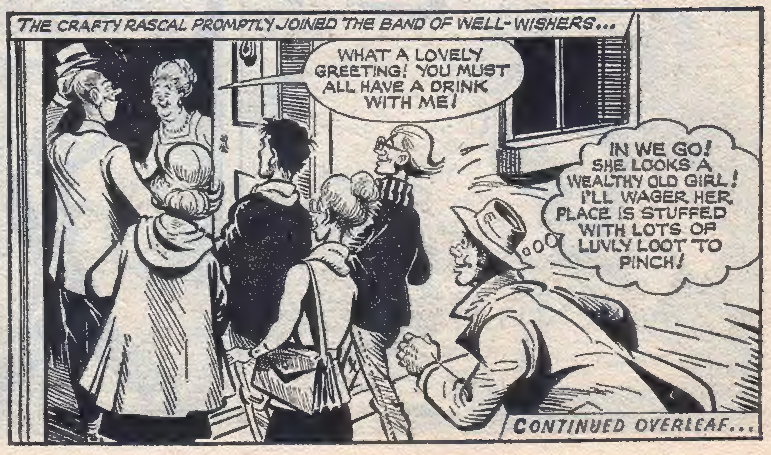
THE NEW YEAR FOUND CHARLIE STONY BROKE, BUT HE RESOLVED TO CHANGE ALL THAT!

The ASTOUNDING ADVENTURES of Charlie Peace

Another year was drawing to a close, and Charlie Peace was getting used to the modern city of London, which was far different from the Victorian age he had known before a time-machine had transported him to the present day. But he still continued his career as a master-crook . . .







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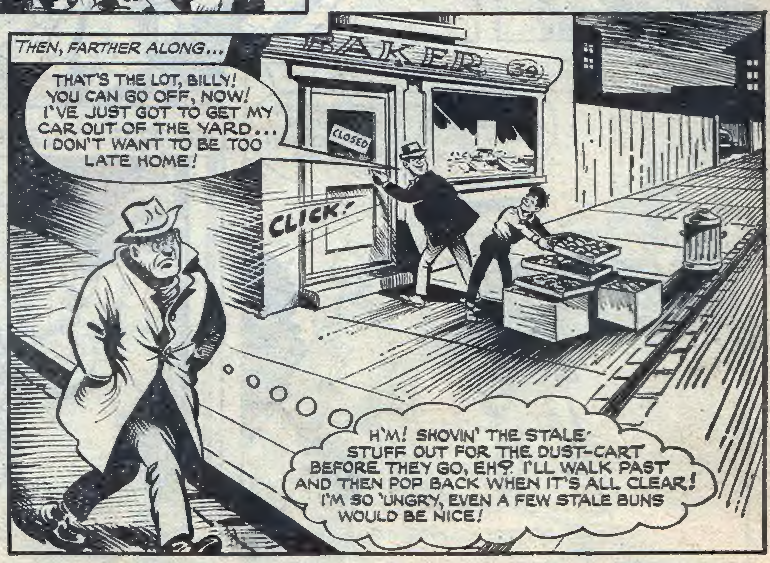
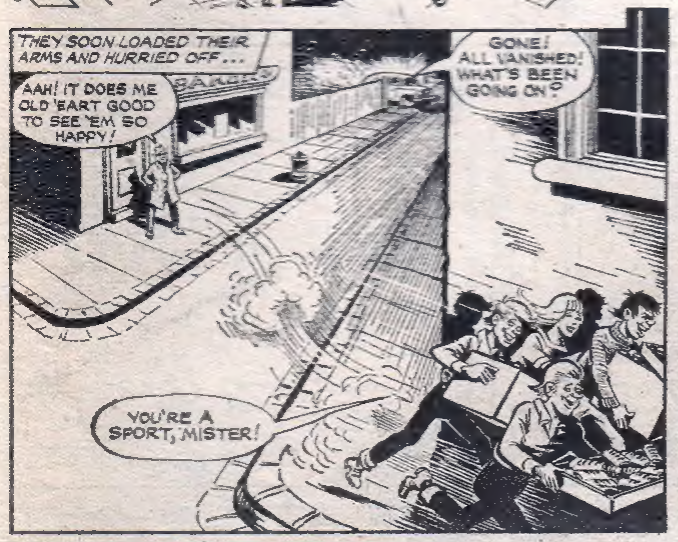
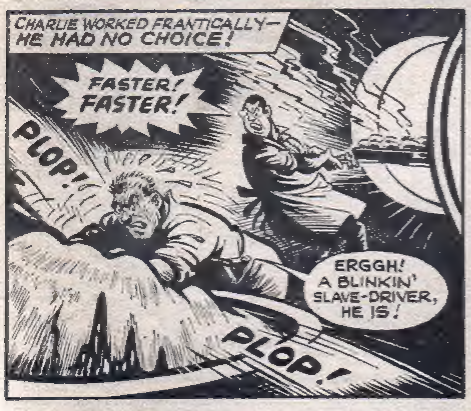
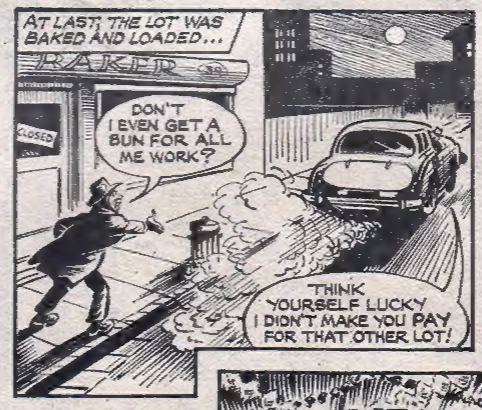
DESPITE ALL THE ARCH-ROGUE'S EFFORTS, MISFORTUNE WAS "DOGGING" HIS FOOTSTEPS!









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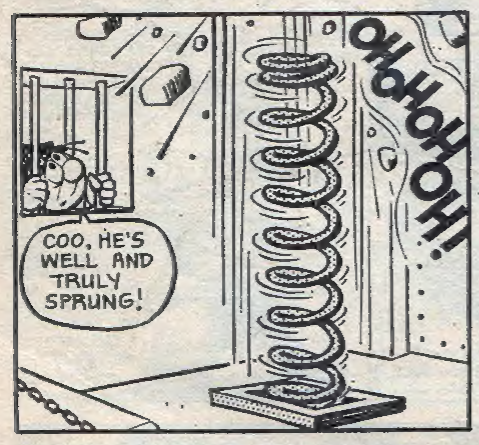

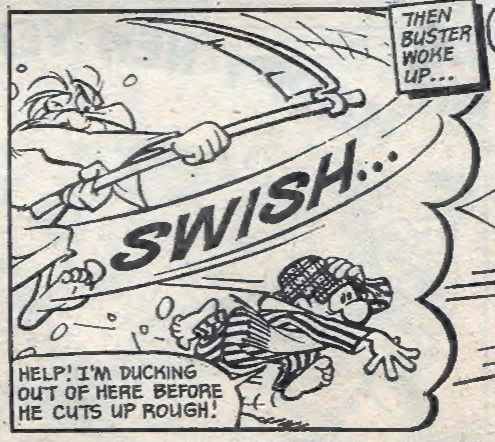

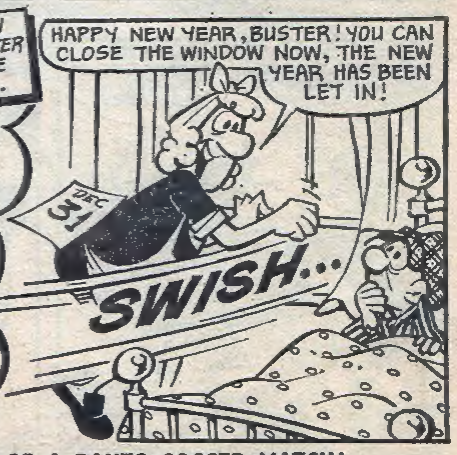

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